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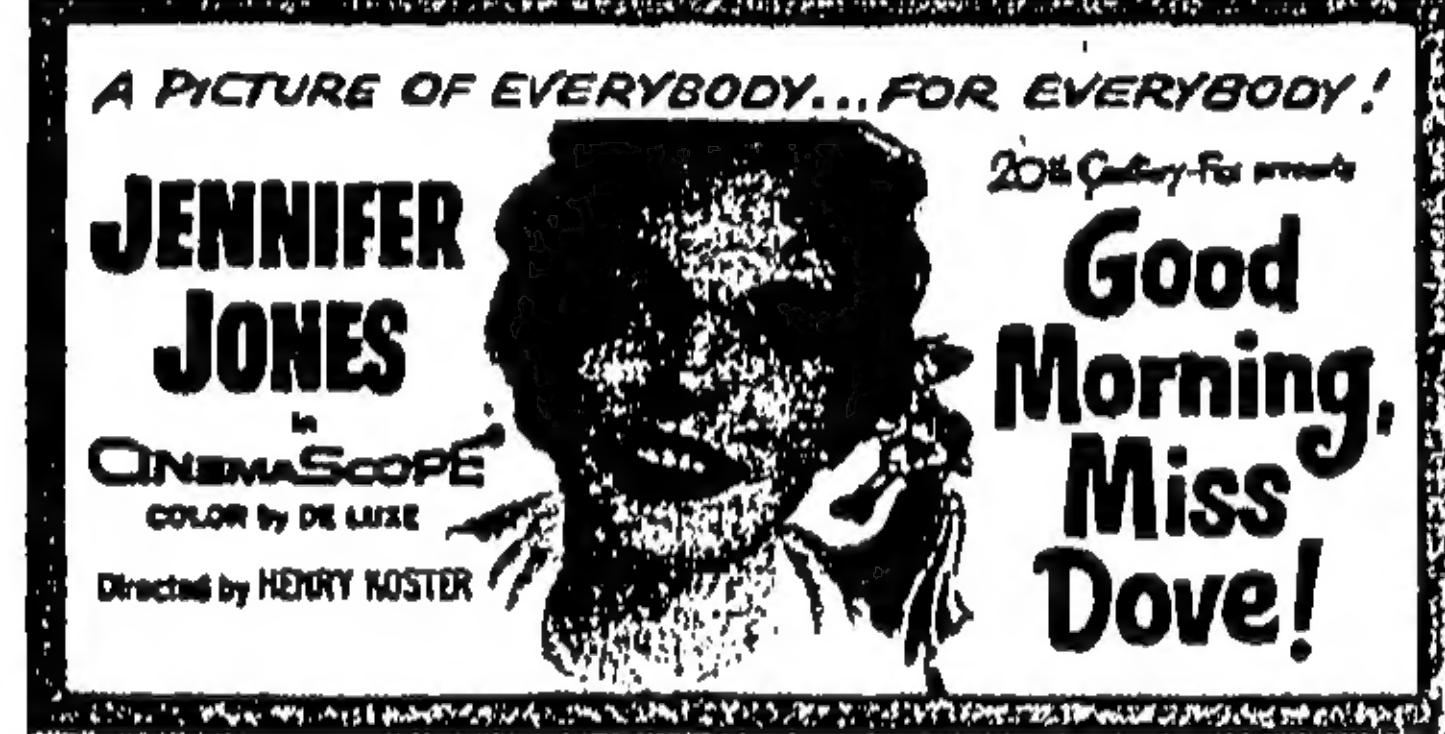
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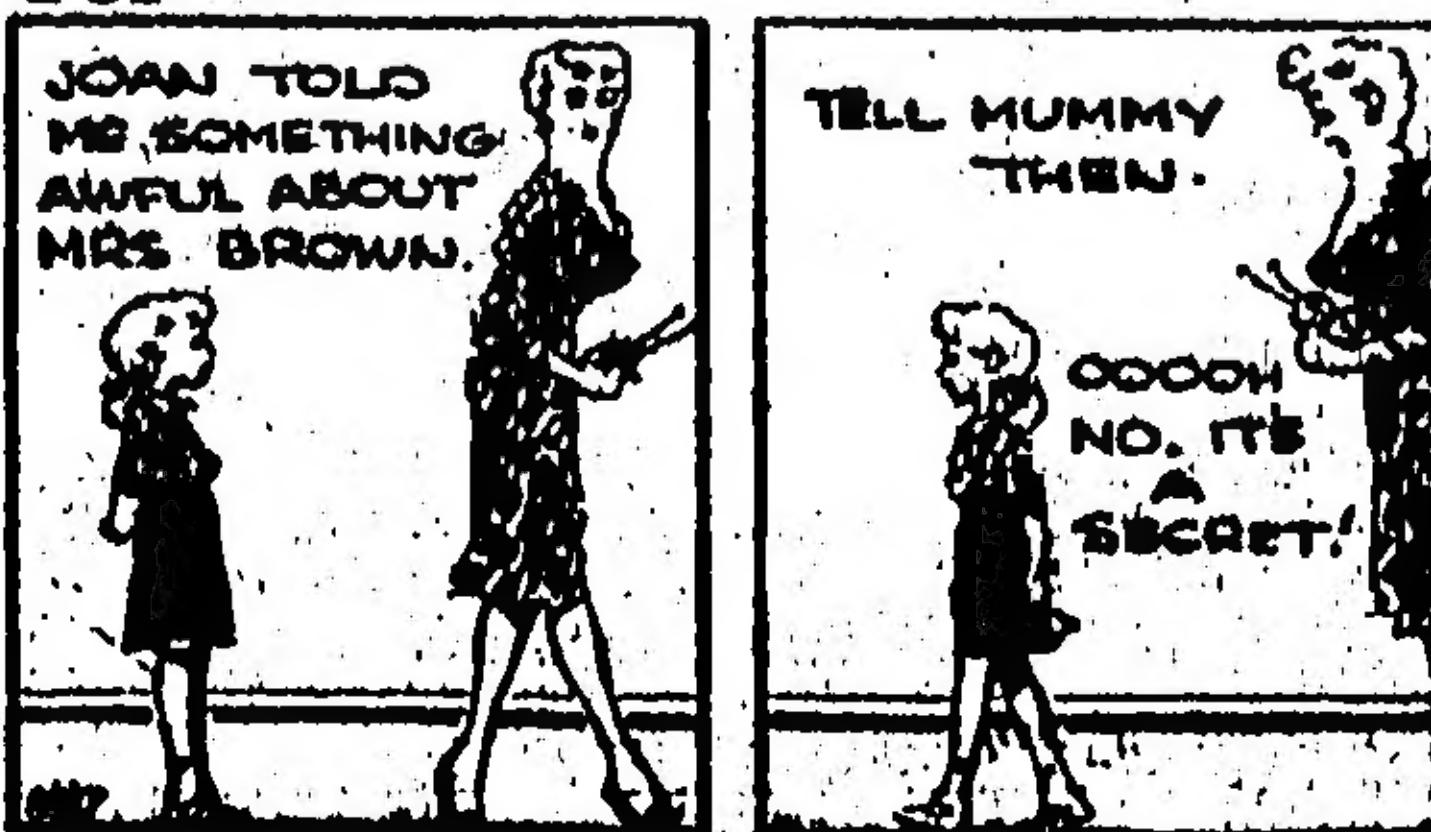
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ITALIAN REDS PLAN COMEBACK IN JUNE

Rome, Feb. 28. Italy's powerful Communist Party was busy laying plans today for a major comeback in local elections tentatively set for June.

The biggest Communist Party outside the Iron Curtain was soundly defeated at the polls by the late Premier Alcide de Gasperi in 1948. Since then it has found the road back to real power arduous and long.

STEVENSON ATTACKS DULLES



Adlai Stevenson

New York, Feb. 28. Mr. Adlai Stevenson, leading aspirant for the Democratic Party's nomination for the presidency, today strongly attacked the foreign policy of Secretary of State John Foster Dulles.

Speaking at a press conference in New York, Stevenson said: "I pray that our government is not as rattled and confused as it appears to be."

He said that last Friday's statement by the Secretary of State that the new Russian economic and political challenge was a sign of "weakness" had amazed the whole world.

On Sunday, Mr. Dulles appeared to have reversed himself and described the Soviet challenge as "a threat for which we need more money."

On the question of arms shipments for the Middle East, Mr. Stevenson said: "Last week he had the off-again, on-again incidents of tanks for Saudi Arabia."—France-Press.

UNIVERSITY REGISTRAR RESIGNING

Singapore, Feb. 28. The Registrar of the University of Malaya, Mr. M. Brown, told here today that he intended to resign at the end of this year.

His disclosure of his intention to resign came only 24 hours after reports that the Vice-Chancellor, Sir Sydney Caine, wanted to resign.

Mr. Brown, an Australian, declined to give reasons for leaving the University.

"I don't know whether or not I shall return to Australia. I haven't any plans," he said.—Reuter.

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But there were many signs the wind was blowing its way. Yesterday the Catholic "Civic Committee" which greatly helped de Gasperi in his 1948 victory warned that the Communists and their Socialist allies were looking to the local elections "to change the course of Italian politics."

The warning found an echo in the hearts of many of the nation's most powerful anti-Communist factions.

Reasonably Secure

For the immediate present silver-haired Premier Antonio Segni and his centre party coalition appeared reasonably secure. On the eve of President Giovanni Gronchi's departure for the US on Sunday Segni won a solid vote of confidence on a programme reflecting neutralism and a shift to the left in Italy.

Christian Democrats, Democratic Socialists, Liberals and Republicans of the coalition appeared more solidly knit than at any time since the 1953 parliamentary elections robbed them of a solid majority. There was no immediate sign of the disidence that forced Premier Mario Scelba to resign last June 22.

But these main factors pointed to danger ahead and the likelihood of Red gains in the administrative elections tentatively set for June 3:

★ 1. A projected new electoral law providing for proportional representation in all towns of more than 10,000 population was bound to work against the Christian Democrats. Premier Antonio Segni, under pressure from all sides, agreed to start debate on the new law this week.

★ 2. Pressure for an "opening to the left" in the government was gaining ground steadily. Even President Gronchi favours including the footloose travelling Socialists of Pietro Nenni in the Government if they can be persuaded to break their "unity of action" pact with the Communists.

★ 3. The Christian-Democratic-led coalition is widely criticised among the electorate for failure to bring about substantial improvement in the living conditions of Italy's poverty-ridden millions.

★ 4. The Kremlin-inspired peace offensive has diminished popular fear of the Communist threat. It has encouraged neutralist tendencies and helped the leftist plea for a foot in the government door.

Foster Leftists

These and other factors caused the Communists and Socialists to look for major gains in the local elections. Even in the last local elections of 1951 and 1952 they polled just short of the Christian Democrat popular vote.

Wide Communist-Socialist gains in the administrative elections would not necessarily endanger Segni's pro-Western government immediately. But they would foster the leftist trend and could foreshadow major Communist gains in the next parliamentary elections which are due in June 1958.—United Press.

COLOMBO MAYOR DISMISSED

Colombo, Feb. 28.

The Trotskyite Mayor of Colombo, Dr. N. M. Perera, to-

day was voted out of office by a right-wing group in Colombo's Municipal Council.

The vote was 10 to 14, with one abstention.

Dr. Perera, the leader of the Trotskyite party of Ceylon, Lanka Sama Samaj, became Mayor 18 months ago when leftist parties emerged from municipal elections with a majority of one in the 31-member council.

The balance of power in the council was tilted to the right a few months ago by a walkover from Communist ranks.

A right-wing nominee was ex-

pected to succeed Dr. Perera.

AGA KHAN IMPROVING

Cannes, Feb. 28. The Aga Khan today con-

tinued to make a good recovery

after his recent heart trouble

and arthritis.

After going for a drive in the afternoon, he spent the rest of the day working on his correspondence with his secretary at the villa Yakimour here.

His condition was described as satisfactory.—China Mail Special.



Arab Legion Major Weds



Pictured after their wedding last week in the Jordan Embassy, London, are Miss Joan Lachlan, a nurse at the Royal National Nose, Throat and Ear Hospital and Major Ebdessalam Majali, the only nose, throat and ear specialist in the Arab Legion. The couple will live in Amman, where Major Majali works in the Arab Legion Hospital.—Express Photo.

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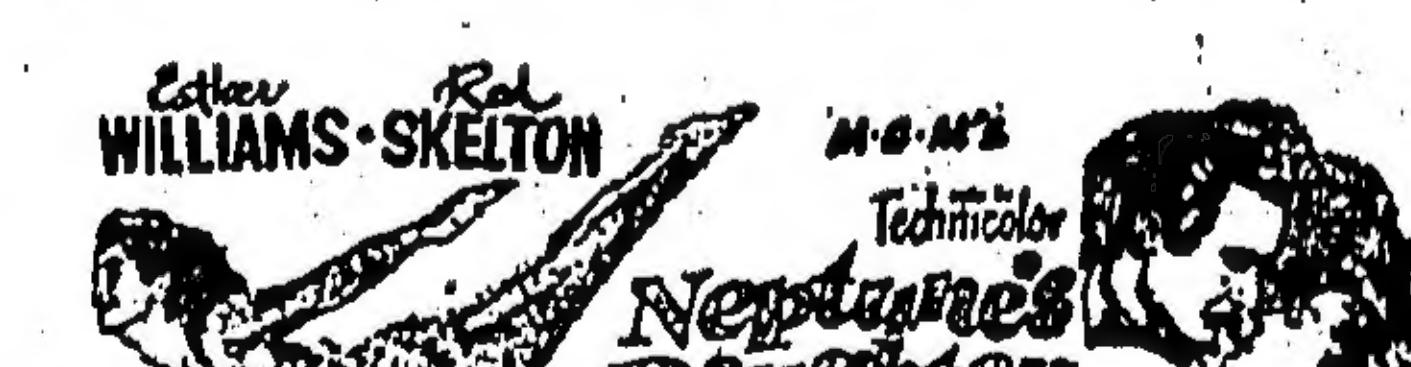
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Keep Fit Corner

WHEN the snow has melted and the lovely spring is here what treats are in store for us apart from the Budget, a tighter credit squeeze, and probably more snow, ice, floods, and tempests?

Why, children, we shall have the funny uncles Kruschev and Bulganin to make us laugh and forget that we are being ruined by prosperity and full employment.

Uncle Kruschev says he wants to do everything we can think of to show him he is not enough to be granted his simple wish of granted.

We could start by showing him the plight of some of our down-trodden workers.

If the strike in a shipyard about whether a wood-worker or a metal-worker should punch a hole in a bit of aluminum to fasten it to a bit of wood a will on we could take him there and ask his expert opinion on how to solve an industrial problem which has puzzled us for weeks.

If he told the truth he would say "In the workers' paradise of the Soviet Socialist Republics we would shoo the lot."

This we could not afford to be franked, remark to do. The only people who might not be the joke would be the trade union Communists organizing strikes.

Grand Tour

AS the uncles want to see everything they must not spend their time at the theatre, the ballroom or in luxury restaurants.

They must see our Morris dancers, blue-nosed but bravely smiling as they leap barefooted on the frosty grass of an English spring.

They must eat at a railway station buffet, where the uncomplaining English chock themselves with tithe bags and never know the difference between a cup of tea and a cup of coffee as they both taste of boiled socks.

If there is a dog show anywhere in the country they must be taken there to see the English worshipping at the shrines of their sacred animals. They might go to a council meeting where, if it is sometimes a bit dull, nobody is allowed to speak for six hours.

Like Uncle Kruschev without somebody blowing a raspberry.

They might also be interested to inspect the work of brilliant British architects who have made it certain that at least 1,000,000 pipes will burst whenever there is a freeze up.

It is a pity they won't be in Britain long enough to enjoy an English garden party in a blizzard or see the Derby in a snowstorm.

But if, before they go, they are not too bored by our industrial problems they might like to hear about the only brutally underpaid workers in the country.

They are the £5-a-week clerks at Canterbury Cathedral, where their friend and superior the Head Dean is head boy.

In Downing Street

I HAVE been asked how will Kruschev and Bulganin be received by English crowds. Will they be cheered or jeered?

If they go to Downing Street I can answer that one because I have made a close study in newspaper photographs of the people who always there to cheer, jeer, or look at distinguished visitors.

There is the stout matron in a funny hat with wavy hair to the neck and carrying a shopping basket. There are two other girls, in two-piece suits, handbags under the left arm and waving with the right.

There is a postman with a heavy moustache delaying Her Majesty's mails to about noon, and two or three bare-headed, flat-chested youths in unbuttoned overcoats or jackets according to the season. They wear mufflers all the year round.

There are also one faultlessly dressed man who waves gloves in a folded umbrella, one newspaper seller, a typical little old lady in a flat-tipped hat, no dentures, and one man in a black jacket, striped trousers, and bowler hat who neither smiles nor waves his hand, but stands right out in front, where the policemen are showing strong disapproval of everything.

As the same characters always turn up for such occasions I can assure they will cheer or not according to the parts they are playing.

This is to say I am also convinced they are actors and actresses doing crowd work for

the Government at the usual rates of pay and bring-your-own sandwiches.

Keep Fit Corner

THE commissioner said: "I am satisfied that during quarrels her husband hit her and bruised her. She was not very strong. If he wanted a wife he could comfortably punch her he should have gone to the country districts and found one."

If I should marry let me win

A girl who takes it on the chin.

A girl who rides a stomach

At breakfast, dinner, tea, or

lunch.

A girl who knows the boxer's trick.

whose face is flat, whose ears

are thick.

For what care I for beauty's rose?

If I can punch her on the nose?

* * *

If I should marry give me not

A softening, cooing, snubbing lot.

Who screams aloud and cries out "Oh!"

At every stenking body blow,

Who whimpers at each hearty

clout.

Who takes the count before

she's out.

A blue-blurred girl who howls

That kidney punches count as

four.

* * *

Give me a girl of country stock,

Who only grunts at every kick,

Who gets up reeling from the

floor.

From left and right hooks to

the jaw;

A girl to please a boozing crowd,

whose head is bloody but unbowed;

Who rises at the count of nine;

That battered, thick-eared girl

is mine.

* * *

As years went by I would not

flinch.

To rabbit-punch her in a clinch

And when at last I grew quite

old

I'd still find strength to knock

her cold;

Each upper-cut, each telling hit

Would help to keep an old man

fit;

And even then she would not

grin.

As Darby dashes ancient Joan,

Or cry for more as she bled,

"Oh, please to spare this old

grey head."

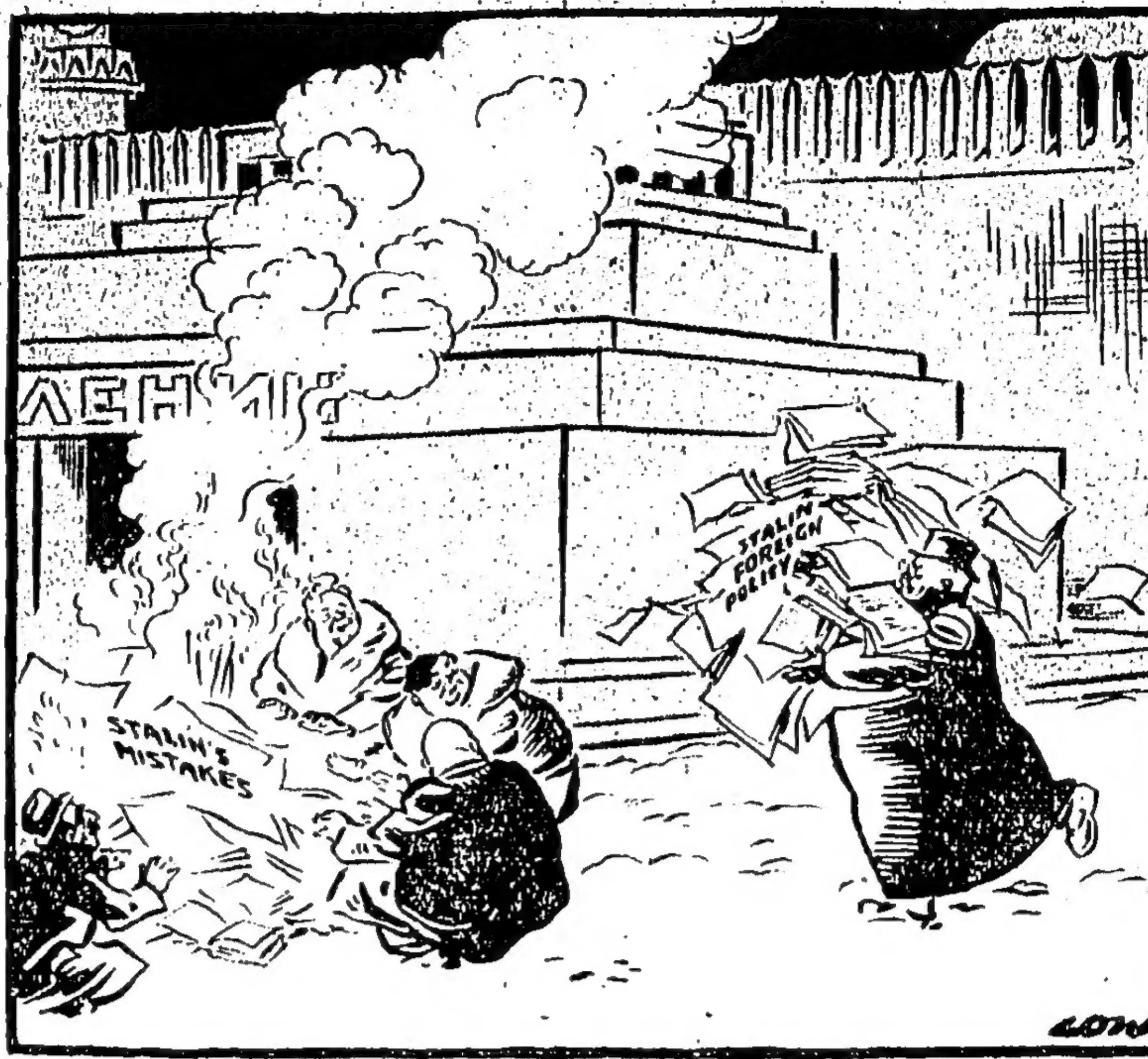
Right to the last my toughened

hat

Would still be my old punching-

bag.

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COLD SNAP IN KREMLIN SQUARE

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Outlook Either Way—Fiery

By LES ARMOUR

WITH the Washington talks over and the fine words evaporated like mist at noon, British politicians have settled down to have another look at the facts.

As they looked around the world this week what they saw was not very pleasing: Marshal Bulganin and his rude but talkative friend Mr. Kruschev are still in fine fettle. The diplomatic initiative is all theirs.

Around the world this is how they looked:

MOSCOW: British experts see every sign that the Kremlin will maintain the "peace through friendship" line. Sir Anthony Eden and Mr. Selwyn Lloyd, the new Foreign Secretary, have taken some comfort from the fact that the Kremlin's latest offer of a peace pact has

so far made almost no impression in Britain—not even among the brighter pink speculators of Socialist Parliamentarians.

But future assaults on the same line may pay some dividends. The Socialist Party is eager on the hunt for a foreign policy that will make some sort of sense on election platforms.

Socialists in the local constituencies are not so convinced as Socialists in Parliament that nothing is to be gained from responding to the Kremlin's warning.

Socialists in Parliament see the case much as the Government does: the Russians have just torn up one treaty of friendship. Moreover, treaties don't make friends. You have to be friends first if the treaties are to mean anything.

To play along with the Kremlin would be dangerous. The Russians want a smoke-screen of peace and friendship to cover their more enterprising forms of skulduggery.

But pressure from the Socialists' local men is likely to mount.

The Kremlin may find luck with it among British Socialists if Marshal Bulganin can make his friend behave himself while they are in Britain this spring.

WASHINGTON: British diplomats shrugged philosophically when the Russians suddenly found the long "lost" diplomats Burgess and Maclean.

Now they're having second thoughts. Senator Eastland has promised to include the erring pair in the U.S. Senate probe of Communist organisation in America. Both men worked there, both misbehaved. There will be no shortage of rumour and innuendo.

The evidence is bound to convince some Congressmen that British security isn't very safe. Then they will fret and the State Department will try to calm them down.

But the investigation is bound to make it more difficult to persuade Congressmen to move toward sharing more secret agreements with Britain.

By MILTON SHULMAN

★ Svetlana Beriosova, the most likely to step into Margot Fonteyn's ballet shoes, wastes no sighs and few thoughts on the future . . . But she denies that she is 'dedicated'



to Spain as a guest ballerina with a Sadler's Wells company and will dance in the annual Fiesta at Grenada.

Beriosova has already danced in all the classics but it is what she calls "the Hamlets" of the ballet repertoire — Sleeping Beauty, Swan Lake, Les Sylphides and Coppelia — that provide her with the most formidable challenge.

"I know that if I worked on it all my life, I still wouldn't reach perfection," she said.

When she is not dancing Beriosova spends at least an hour and a half every day "limbering up." If she has to give a performance or go to a rehearsal the ritual of exercising the muscles in her legs, back and arms is cut to 45 minutes.

Yet even though her days are taken up with classes, exercises, costume fittings, rehearsals, Beriosova thinks that much of the talk about the demanding life of the ballerina is exaggerated.

No sighs . . .

THERE is still plenty of time left for parties, shopping, the theatre, and, unless one has a performance the next day, it is not imperative to be in bed at an unduly early hour. And where else does one get the opportunity for travelling in such comfortable conditions? Beriosova, indeed, feels that the ballet is an ideal life for a young girl.

Beriosova wastes no sighs and few thoughts on the future. She has been approached by film makers but as yet is not interested in transferring her art to celluloid. Her few television appearances have resulted in a large fan mail but she

finds it embarrassing being recognised in the street.

Now does she feel any concern about what she will do when her dancing days are over. Optimistically, she estimates that ballerinas can go on until they are at least 50. "Anyway, I never make plans further than two months ahead," says Beriosova, which is probably the right philosophy for a girl whose future waits gleaming bright right on her doorstep and only a tomorrow away.

Unless the Greeks and the Turks can settle their quarrel, the feeling in London is that the rift between Greece and Turkey will grow.

Any move toward eventually turning Cyprus over to Greece, who have made it known that their "National Defence post" is one of the "Mediterranean posts," they are happy to have the British Army there. They say they will not tolerate Greeks.

If Cyprus doesn't get a chance to team up with Greece at an early date, emotionalism in Greece is bound to mount. The Greeks are inclined to blame Turkish pressure for their lack of success.

Unless the Greeks and the Turks can settle their quarrel, the feeling in London is that the new NATO arrangement will have to be made in the Eastern Mediterranean.

But that would put an even higher value on Cyprus as a Mediterranean headquarters.

At the moment, nobody in Whitehall can see anything but trouble on the horizon.

ISRAEL: Whitehall officially regards the Russian tirade about Western troops in the Israeli-Arab dispute area as so much bluff.

But there is an underlying worry.

Sir Anthony Eden has said that, if the Israelis and the Arabs can agree on a border compromise Britain, at least, will be prepared to guarantee them. The implication of the Washington agreement was that the Americans would join in any agreement to keep the peace.

All this does nothing more officially than make explicit the terms of the existing implicit agreement under which Britain, France and America officially agreed to stop aggression in the area.

But it does go beyond that in implication, in that the suggestion is that Britain would like to see a compromise—and would help to foster it.

It such a compromise is agreed upon, it could be wrecked by Russian insistence on participation. The Russian aim in the Middle East is simply to make trouble. The current crisis was started with Czech guns.

Can it be settled with Russian troops?

On the other hand, if the Russians are not allowed to participate, they will almost certainly retaliate, the diplomats think by increasing the flow of explosive presents to Egypt, Colonel Nasser and his Arab friends.

Outlook either way—fiery.

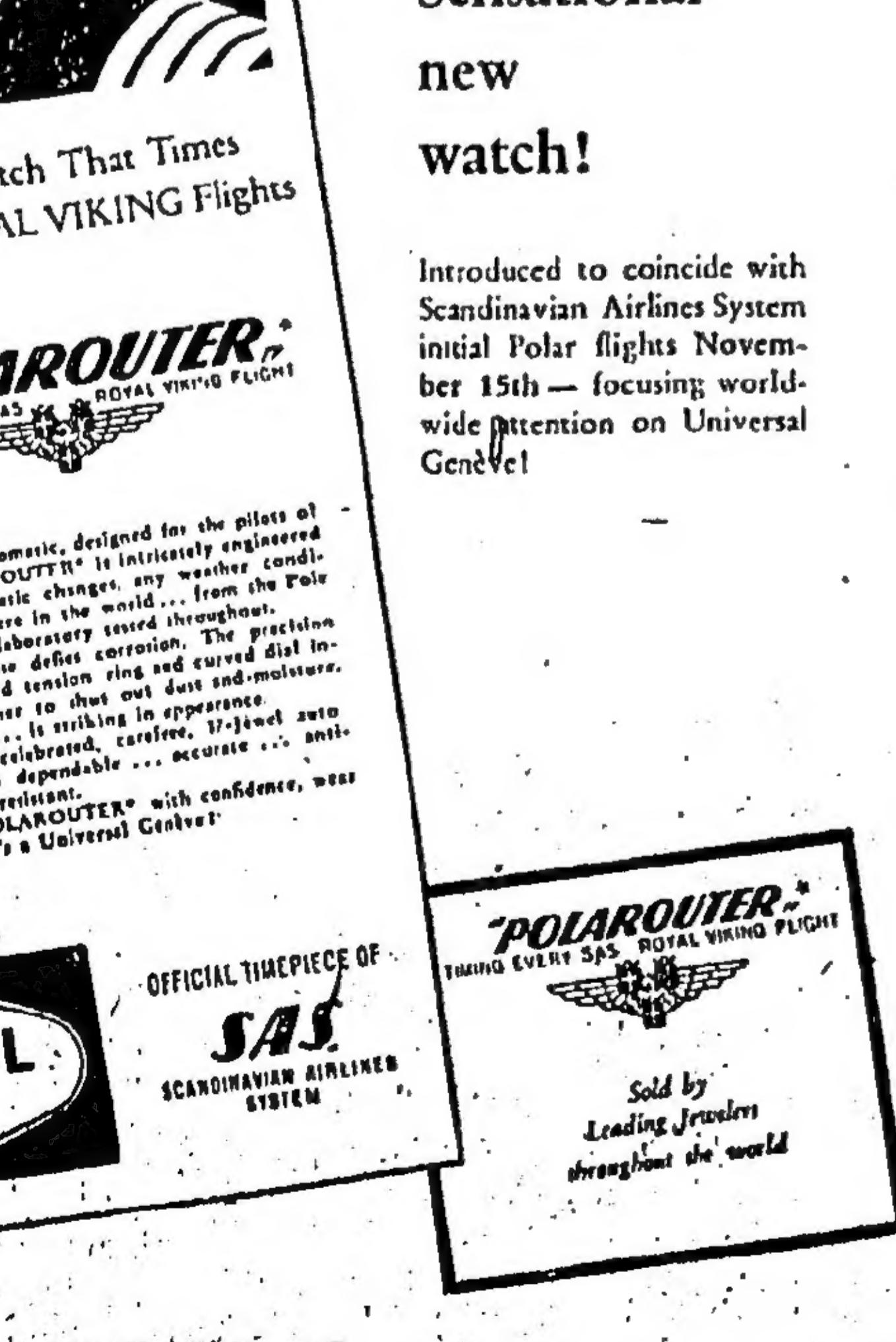
TOP PLANE: WHAT'S WRONG?

By CHAPMAN PINCHER

London, HAS the Hawker Hunter, the RAF's main fighter plane, proved incapable of using the guided missiles which defence chiefs now believe will be the only weapons effective against modern bombers?

This is believed to be behind the Hunter—the Mark 6, fitted with more powerful Avon engines—is being put "into storage" because the manufacturers cannot get certain materials to carry out modifications to the fuel system.

The Supply Ministry insists that the priority on materials given to the Hawker Siddeley



Sennett Frobis, Frobis

• JACOBY ON BRIDGE

South Lets
Foes Guess

By OSWALD JACOBY

BOTH North and South bid their hands to the hilt today, and the result was a slightly shaky hand. Exchange the East-West cards, however, and South would have had an easy time making the game contract.

When the hand was played, West opened the Jack of diamonds and declarer planned his play quite carefully. His object was to make the opponents do his guessing for him, if possible.

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Declarer next ruffed dummy's remaining diamond, cashed the queen of clubs, and ruffed his own last club in the ruffed dummy.

NORTH	31		
♦ J 8 7 3			
♦ Q 9 8 6			
♦ A K 7			
♦ 4 3			
WEST	5		
♦ K Q 6	6		
♦ J 9 3	♦ K 4 2		
♦ J 10 8	♦ Q 9 8 3 2		
♦ A J 0 2	♦ 8 7 5		
SOUTH (D)			
♦ A 10 9 4 2			
♦ A 10 7			
♦ 8 4			
♦ K Q 10			
Neither side vul.			
South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
Pass	Pass	4 ♠	Pass
Opening lead—♦ J			

This put him in position to finesse the seven of spades around to West's queen.

West couldn't afford to return a trump since that would cost him his trump trick. His only choice was between the hearts and the club. After deep thought, West decided that South must have at least three hearts and that a single discard would therefore do him no good. For this reason, West returned his last club.

Declarer ruffed in dummy and discarded the seven of hearts. He next led a spade from dummy, going up with the ace when East showed out. Another round of trumps put West in once more.

At this point West had to lead a heart for lack of anything else. South had to guess whether West was leading from the Jack or from the King of hearts. This wasn't hard, since West had already shown up with 11 points in high cards outside of the heart suit. If West had also held the King of hearts, he probably would have taken some action during the bidding. For this reason, South played a low heart from dummy, thus trapping East's King of hearts. The contract was fulfilled by catching West in two successive end plays.

CARD Jersey

—The bidding has been:
South West North East
1 Diamond Pass 1 Spade Pass
? Yest. South, hold:
47 ♦ K 54 ♦ A Q 10 7 5 ♦ A K 8 2
What do you do?
A—Bid two clubs. The hand is a minimum in high cards, but it pays to indicate the distribution.

TONDAY'S QUESTION
The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold:
A7 ♦ A J 8 2 ♦ A Q 10 7 5 ♦ K 54
What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

This Funny World



"I'd really like to be a fireman; but there's a lot of pressure at home. They want me to be president!"

• BY • THE • WAY • by Beachcomber

THE recent ruling that nailing a sponge to a wall is not a carpenter's job seems to be fair enough.

It should not be difficult to drive nails through the holes in sponges, but I am surprised that nobody has asked what is the purpose of such an activity.

Anyhow, we seem to be getting dangerously near the burning question of who is to bore holes in what. Is a wood-borer allowed to put a nail into the hole he has bored? And is a nailworker allowed to bore a hole for a nail when he wants to? The ordinary Englishman is not fit to be so trusted.

Dead Man's Gulch

Sir Laurence Olivier went into hiding in his exclusive New York hotel after talks with Marilyn Monroe. (News item.)

BUT the Kappakawlee Indians lit a fire in the hill, and she saw the smoke, and Big Chief Watalohul led her to his tortuous abodes, known only to the Indians, to the remote and lonely lounge where the exhausted fugitive had taken refuge with some cattle-rustlers. A flaming arrow whistled across the cocktail-glasses, and stuck, quivering, in the wall. "Get him!" she said, and the sheriff's posse closed in, while she looped a rope from a chandelier.

YOUR BIRTHDAY ... By STELLA

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 29

BORN in Leap Year—the final day of the last month which occurs but once in four years—there have, of course, a dated birthday but once every four years. Consequently, into your year! It would seem that the stars are aligned to give you have given you few a special charm and magnetism that gives you rather special powers over all those with whom you come in contact.

You have an extremely intuitive nature, are religiously inclined but not all conventional in your expression of your beliefs. You have what are called "healing hands" and would make fine nurse, surgeon or physician.

Your gift of inspiration is exceptional and you will be able to influence people by speaking in public. You will be able to debate well and the force of your personality will win many over to your side of any cause.

THURSDAY, MARCH 1

PICES (Feb. 28-Mar. 21)—Follow that hunch! It's a good one! A fine day to accept a new and exciting challenge.

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—A fine business day. Make employment gains. Good for partnership finances.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Events involving your friends are likely to have an important influence on your life at present.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—A productive day if you will exert your best efforts in some definite endeavor.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)—Get a fine start in the new month by making this a real banner day for progress. Romance is also favoured.

LEO (June 23-July 23)—You may be more adventuresome than in business affairs and anti-climatic an exciting success.

VENUS (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Fine prospects for almost any enterprise you may have.

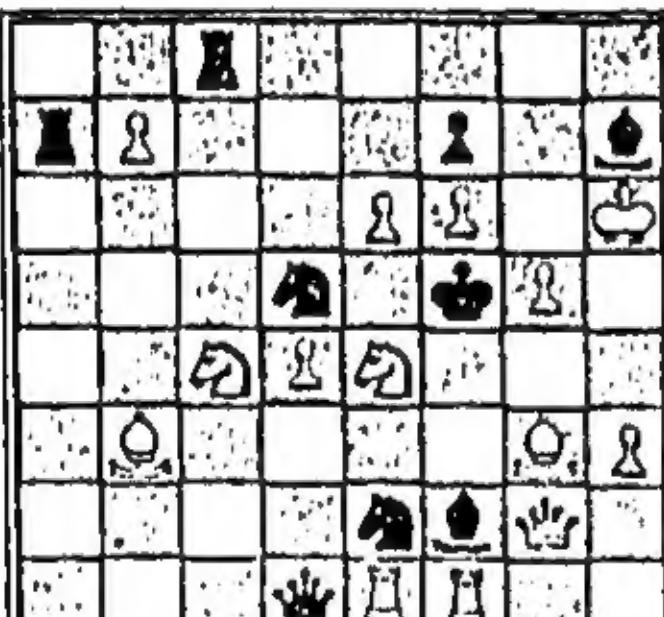
LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Partnership affairs are highly beneficial to your financial gain in business matters now.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Get an early start this morning and you can accomplish wonders today. Prospects are excellent.

CHESS PROBLEM

By M. WROBEL

Black. 9 pieces.



White, 14 pieces.

White to play: mate in two.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

B—K1; threat 2, R—Q4; 1... B×P; 2, K—Q4; 1... R—Q6; 2, R—QK4; 1... P—K4; 2, P—B7.

Winter Had Come

"Well," started Mr. Punch, "the cold weather had set in for good. It was really winter. There was a bite in the air. The north wind blew up one street and down another, pinching people's noses and ears, and in the park in the middle of a big field the leaves were running and scattering as fast as they could go while the wind chased right after them."

"Why was the wind chasing after the leaves, Mr. Punch?" Knauf wanted to know. " Didn't he like them?"

"That's hard to say," said Mr. Punch. "No one has ever seen the wind. And, though many have heard him, no one has ever spoken with him. He does all the speaking."

Across The Fields

"Well, as I was saying, the wind was chasing the leaves across the field. Finally, he piled them all up against some rocks at the bottom of a little hill. Then he went away to chase some more leaves."

"Now in this pile of leaves," continued Mr. Punch, "there was a grasshopper, a cricket, a beetle and an ant. They had all been caught up in the swirl of wind and had clung to the leaves. They had flown across the field like pilots in an aeroplane."

"The grasshopper was the first to speak."

"Hello," he called out, "is anybody here?"

"I'm here," answered Cricket, poking his head out from under a leaf.

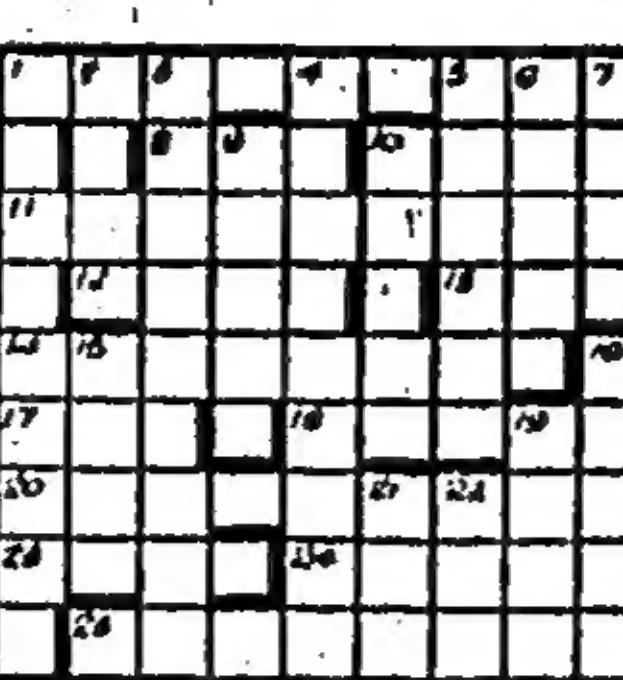
"So am I," said Beetle, poking his head out from under another leaf.

The Four Riders

"Then the Ant called out and said he was there, too."

"So," said Mr. Punch, "as he went on with his story, 'the

CROSSWORD



1. Little bite broken on, (1)
2. Fashion lines and one repeated. (3)
3. Speck of dirt. (4)
4. Little bird. (4)
5. It may be a slander on your name. (4)
6. New bread comes from this source. (8)
7. It's something at a distance. (9)
8. Complications of long ago. (3, 6)
9. Broken sometimes in the musical instrument. (4)
10. To break the back. (5)
11. Get into the drugs. (6)

Down:

1. Toy versus the land measures. (5)

2. Mince ones for cockney eyes. (6)

3. Does he earn less? (9)

4. Design for an idea. (6)

5. Draw the line. (6)

6. The printer can't stay. (6)

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We welcome an old friend back to the Spot of Honour at the Top of the Sports Parade this week in the person of Lieut Keith Burch of the 1st Bn Essex Regiment. Once again this accomplished athlete has hit the headlines with another first-class track performance.

At Caroline Hill on Sunday morning he turned in a time of 8 minutes 59.0 seconds in the 3,000 Metres run to break the Colony record by 26.3 seconds and at the same time became the first man in Hongkong to run the distance inside 9 minutes.

Apart from beating the relentless hands of the watch Keith also had the satisfaction of leading almost equally relentless Bob Page into second place.

Congratulations, Keith! But is on a grand performance.

The next highlight of the Army sports programme this week is the eagerly awaited Final of the Land Forces Team boxing Championships which will be staged at the MacPherson Stadium, Kowloon, on Friday night. Enthusiasm has already reached a high pitch and non-partisan opinion is very much divided as to where the title is going to land.

The contestants, 1 Bn North Staffordshire Regiment and the Combined Workshops REME, are indeed worthy finalists, and every man in both teams will fight every inch of the way to come out on top.

The experts appear to favour the North Staffs in the lighter divisions while giving the edge to REME in the heavier weights. This seems to be sound reasoning and it would indeed be an upset if North Staffs' stars Hilton and Meligh failed to win their respective bouts.

QUIET CONFIDENCE

From a REME point of view there will be good grounds for quiet confidence that Legerton, Allison and Dunning will come out the two-shots end of the verdicts — but according to what the REME have also unearthed a quiet class man in the 1st Lt Heavyweight class.

A great deal will depend on the outcome of the "margin" bout between the less well known boxers, and if current predictions prove to be accurate, and how often they are not, it would seem as though the programme pattern will see the North Staffs forge ahead at the start with the REME boys following in their own in the following.

This is a most intriguing match. The unexpected brilliance of one man or a disappointing lapse by another could well decide the destination of the trophy. I am not going to be lured into the role of a tipster for I have the greatest admiration for both teams. There is not the slightest doubt that it will be a realistic contest and I confine myself to the time honoured Sportsman's Toast . . . "May the better win."

Boxing will start at 8 p.m. and as I reported last week it will be a spectacular show with music, fanfares, and all those little trimmings that make the special occasion really 'big'.

The demand for tickets has been heavy but if you wish to go I suggest you ring the DOPT (Tel 34121 Ex 408) and have try . . . you may still be lucky.

As a regular follower of Army boxing my advice is . . . don't miss this match . . . you'll be sorry if you do . . .

ALL-STAR MILE

Although it is often difficult to appreciate it at the time there is surely a great deal of truth in the old saying that it's an ill wind that blows nobody good. The organisers of the

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The draw for the Second Round of the Minor Units Cup has resulted in the following fixtures: — CPO v 11th Inf Wkps; Movement Light Troop v RMP; 50 Coy RASC v 7 Lt Blt RA; HQRA v 6 COD; 3 Supply Depot or 'Q' Movements v HQ 48 Bde; 70 Coy RASC v Dist Wkps; HQ 27 Bde v Cnd Wkps v Transit Camp; 173 Loc Blt v HQ HK and Kln Garrison.

With the frequent changes in personnel it is always a risk to try spotting winners in a competition like this but it seems as though 11th Inf Wkps, Movement Light Troop, 27 Lt Blt RA, 6 COD, Dist Wkps, and 173 Loc Blt are the best bets for places in the next round.

All games have to be played during the week March 5-10. The games in the Caldbeck Cup are producing some really exciting soccer. Two Second Round ties are being played off this afternoon but for those who can't make the time the meeting of RAMC and 1 King's Own at Stockpoo on Friday at 3 p.m. and the match between 27 HAA Rgt RA and 7 Hussars at Boundary Street next Monday at 3 p.m. should be well worth watching a long way to see.

BOXING THE AMERICAN WAY IS SO DIFFERENT; I SCORE BY COMMONSENSE

Says RUBY GOLDSTEIN
(America's No. 1 Referee).

For years now I have been refereeing major fights in New York and other important boxing centres and perhaps the benefit of my experience can help you in scoring fights.

I often have been asked: "Do you find the rules in the book hard to follow?" You want to know the truth? I don't remember the rules. I score by commonsense, and I mean no disrespect to the book.

For example, a left jab is the most easily landed punch; but it is not likely to hurt. A left hook is harder to land, and is apt to be damaging.

As a matter of routine, I value one hook as worth three or four jabs. With southpaws, of course, it is right jab and right hook.

The hook is topped only by combination punches in value. A one-two (jab and right cross) will rate over the hook. So will a right to the body—left to the head.

There are knockdowns and knockdowns. Sometimes a fighter is caught off balance; other times he is solidly driven off his feet.

CLEAN KNOCKDOWN

When it is a clean knockdown, I will give the man scoring it the round by two or three

points under the New York system.

Overall, I break down a fight on this basis: 40 per cent for effective hitting, 20 per cent for aggressiveness, 20 per cent for defensive skill, 20 per cent for ring generalship.

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One thing a referee or judge must do and that is to discard any personal preference in style. The puncher generally is the most popular of fighters, but to arrive at a just decision he has to be considered no better than a boxer.

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COUNTER-PUNCHER

With a counter-puncher, you have to see the completion of an incident to know who's the better man. Say an aggressor storms in, lets a left hook go. But as he does, he drops his right.

American LTA President Insists On Bringing Young Blood Into Davis Cup Team

New York, Feb. 28. The poor performances of American players at the hands of the Scandinavian visitors during the recent American covered court Championships, have failed to alarm tennis critics here, who prophesy that American players will rapidly improve this year and become Australia's greatest danger in the Davis Cup.

The remarkable victory of Sweden's Ulf Schmidt over his superior tennis playing compatriot Sven Davidson in Sunday's final of the Championships added irony to the inglorious defeat of Americans Vic Seixas, Art Larsen, Gil Sheu and Sam Giammalva, who faded out in earlier rounds of the singles.

The conversion of Tony Trabert, 1955 world number one player from amateur to professional playing plus few hopes of new American stars emerging this year has failed to damp the optimism of Donald Budge.

This former Champion, who won the Wimbledon, French, Australian and American Championships in the same year, said the results of the indoor Championships was of small significance, because the Swedes are said to be the best in a

glances he had to wear as protection against the electric lighting.

"We should beat the Swedes on open air courts," said the former Champion, who is now coaching junior tennis players.

Budge said the development programme laid down for the junior players should quickly bear fruit, including a great Champion.

Citing 19-year-old Earl Baumgartner, 17-year-old Ron Holmberg, 20-year-old Berry Mackay and 22-year-old Sam Giammalva, Budge said each one of these players could become a great Champion.

Granville McMann, President of the American Lawn Tennis Association, who insisted in bringing young blood into American tennis said that if a choice had to be made between a young and a veteran player to represent America in the Davis Cup, the youngster should be

given the chance.

Bill Talbert, captain of the American Davis Cup team, opposed McMann's idea, saying that America could not leave out of the Davis Cup court such players as Seixas, Art Larsen and Herb Flam, without risking a knockout in the first rounds of the Cup.

The correspondent with the team says, however, that their apologies have been sincere and "happily accepted as such."

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The correspondent declares: "If one could imagine the indignation which would rage throughout England it, say, a West Indies or Pakistan team dragged England's star umpire, Frank Chester, from his hotel to the only critic to state that the American tennis situation at the moment was hardly brilliant—Franco-Presse."

Walter Pate, who captained the American Davis Cup team in the time of Don Budge and Ellsworth Vines, said he fervently hoped that a great Champion would suddenly appear on the American tennis horizon. But Pate gloomily dipped below the horizon as the only critic to state that the American tennis situation at the moment was hardly brilliant—Franco-Presse.

THE GAMBOLES

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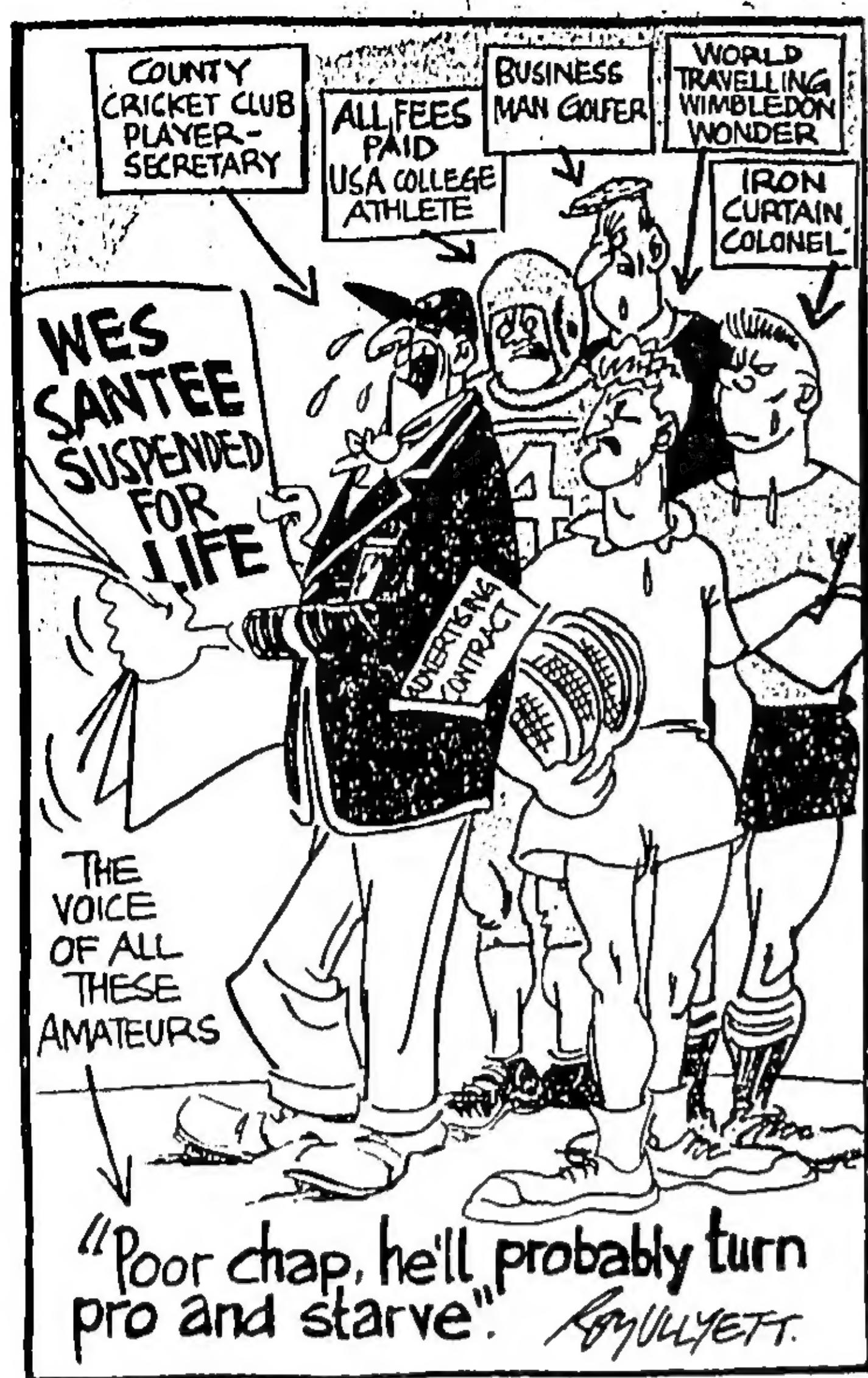
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THE CANTERING COWBOY... Has Santee Been Cheating Or Perhaps Nobbling A Competitor?

Ask DENNIS HART

Wes Santee, the cantering cowboy, will not run in the Olympic Games at Melbourne, or in any amateur athletic meeting. Officialdom has decreed otherwise.

Has then Santee been guilty of sharp practice on the track, cheating or perhaps nobbling a competitor? Nothing of the sort. He's alleged to have asked for excessive expenses to the tune of £245 for competing at a meeting. Or rather he is accused not so much of asking for the expenses as for receiving them.

The players of the 'tainted' money were surely as guilty as Santee. Yet there has been no ban on the organisers from running further meetings.

Such an action, however, would mean taking the common sense view. That is no way to understand the laws which decree that one athlete is an amateur and another is a professional.

Ever heard of a world class tennis player having to turn down an invitation because he couldn't afford to take time off from his job? More likely he couldn't afford to refuse the invitation. The job, if any, takes second place.

With expenses paid for the whole year tennis players can live off the fat of the land, and they are still strictly amateur; old boy.

A tournament organiser in Rome has declared that it is cheaper to stage a Championship fight than arrange a top-class amateur tennis tournament.

TOP CLASS EVENTS

The 'True Blues' of soccer and cricket don't do so badly either. Make a list of top class events run sheerly for the love of sport and you would be hard put to go beyond the Boat Race. Is it such a bad thing?

Money and professionalism run sport, scream the diehards. I think they have got something. Sporting spirit and financial gain do not naturally go hand in hand.

But the diehards live in the past. Sport is no longer solely a recreation. Whether we like it or not, it is business, big business. The money is there. So why not a share for the competitors, cricketers, footballers, golfers AND athletes?

And their suspended sportsmen in the news is Mr Ben Green. Boxing referee Mr Green has committed two crimes. Firstly he gave a verdict which very few people agreed with, secondly he is 71.

About that verdict, Mr Green gave Londoner Peter Waterman victory over Cuba's Kid Gavilan. I must say that I thought Gavilan won. But my scorecard gave him victory by only a quarter of a point.

CORRECT PUNCHES

Many of Gavilan's hardest punches, which caused resounding twacks and gave the crowd the impression that Waterman was taking much punishment, were slaps with the open glove. These not only score no points.

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THE HONGKONG &

SHANGHAI HOTELS, LTD.

Notice to Shareholders

NOTICE is hereby given

that the Ordinary Yearly

Meeting of the Shareholders

of The Hongkong & Shanghai

Hotels, Ltd., will be held at

the Registered Office of the

Company (Second Floor,

Telephone House, Des Voeux

Road Central, Hongkong), on

Friday, 23rd March, 1956 at

12 Noon, for the purpose of

receiving the Report of the

Board of Directors together

with the Statement of

Accounts for the year ended

31st December, 1955, to re-

elect a Director and to

appoint Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the

Company will be closed from

the 10th March, 1956 to the

23rd March, 1956, both days

inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

A. SOMMERFELT,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 28th Feb., 1956.

NOTICE

THE "STAR" FERRY

COMPANY, LIMITED.

Notice to Shareholders

Ordinary Yearly Meeting

NOTICE is hereby given

that the Fifty-fourth Ordinary

Yearly Meeting of the Mem-

bers of the Company will be

held at the Office of Messrs

Jardine, Matheson & Co.,

Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong

Kong, on Wednesday, 14th

March, 1956, at Noon for the

following purposes:—

1. To receive and consider

the Report of the Directors

and the Statement of

Accounts for the year

ended 31st December,

1955, and the Auditors'

Report thereon.

2. To sanction a Dividend and

a Cash Bonus in respect of

the year 1955.

3. To elect Directors.

4. To appoint Auditors.

CLOSING OF TRANSFER

BOOKS

Notice is also given that the

Transfer Books and Register

of Members of the Company

will be closed from 1st to 14th

March, 1956, both days

inclusive.

By Order of the Board

of Directors,

G. B. S. THOMSON,

General Manager

and Secretary.

Hongkong, 20th Feb., 1956.

TASMANIA PLANS NEW HOTEL

PRISON

Plenty Of Windows

Offer

Pleasant View

Hobart, Feb. 28.

A prison which its planners hope will become a model for penal institutions has reached the blueprint stage here.

If it materialises, prisoners will see no walls, their cells will have individual wash-basins and toilets, and there will be more gardens than concrete courtyards.

Although the average Australian hotel could not boast as much, the plan is not the product of unworldly idealists.

The Professor of Architecture at Melbourne University, Professor Brian Lewis, who drew up the plans, said that they were the brain-child of Colonel John Scanlon, who recently returned from the post of Governor of Tasmanian prisons, after many years of dealing with prisoners of all types, from hardened criminals to bewildered first offenders.

HANDSOME

The Tasmanian government, which began working on a project for a new prison at the State's capital city six years ago, called in Professor Lewis.

He has designed a handsome building which even from the outside will look more like a large modern factory than a grim prison. Only two guard towers can be seen and the high walls, which comprise the rear of the cells, are lined with glass windows looking more like a factory.

The cells all overlook the central courtyard and gardens. They all possess a view and receive the maximum amount of sunlight possible, rather like the wards of modern hospitals. They are centrally-heated.

There are iron bars in the windows but they are not apparent because they are worked in panel patterns in the glass. All buildings are fitted for bright colours, to match the modern, light style of architecture and what its planners hope will be the atmosphere of the new gaol.

NEW METHOD

Professor Lewis' drawings show, in addition to the cells, a hall and lecture room, dining room, kitchen, factory, administration and warders' quarters.

The new Hobart prison will also introduce a new method of feeding the prisoners, according to Professor Lewis. Prisoners will be separated according to category and will eat in a series of dining rooms according to their category.

That, he explained, will remove both the dullness of eating in a hall and the irritation of eating in a big hall, among all types of prisoners.

The new prison will be in stark contrast to the penal settlement at Port Arthur not

WILL BE WATCHED

The Tasmanian government is developing a big area at Risdon, five miles across the Derwent River from Hobart.

If the plans are put into effect and the Hobart gaol is replaced by the Risdon project, the State will have a large area of land available for development with in a stone's throw of the heart of the city.

Hobart's experiment will be watched by mainland States, where gaols built many years ago are recurring problems.

All are out of date, almost all are over-crowded, their conditions belong to a past age and from almost all there are escapes by prisoners, who cannot be adequately guarded by warder staffs. — China Mail

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Macao, 1 p.m.

Malaya, West Australia, Parcels via Fremantle, 1 p.m.

Philippines, 4 p.m.

TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to approximately \$800,000. Non quotations and the morning's transactions:

SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES	1723	1749	20	1720
HK Bank	1723	1749	20	1720
East Asia	240			
DEPOTARIES	978	84	44	986
SHIPPING	20			
Waterbowl	10712	10900	10	10800
DOCKS, ETC.	56	51	35	41
H. Wharf	3414	3000	35	3250
Dock	3414	3000	35	3250
Electric	1389	14	1389	1389
W. Electric	850	850	70	850
TELEGRAMS	1020	1040	20	1020
TELEPHONES	2470			
Yatman: Ferry	104	106	50	105
Gas	1012	1012	21	1012
C. Light (N.Y.)	1012	1012	23	1012
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Electric	4215	4273	12	4215
Gas	1290	1290	43	1290
Marine	555	580		
Tele. (N.Y.)	830			
Telephone	3112	32	32	3112
INDUSTRIALS	3170	3000	3112	
STOCKS, ETC.	15			
Dairy	1720	229	1720	
C. Watson	36			
COTTONS	530	545	3000	545
Textile Corp.	530	545	3000	545
Marine	1000	1000	70	1000
MISCELLANEOUS	540	520	525	

US Announces New Cotton Programme

Washington, Feb. 28. Secretary of Agriculture Mr. Ezra T. Benson today announced a new programme for sale of all government-owned cotton abroad at competitive world prices.

Mr. Benson said none of the cotton sold under the competitive programme will be disposed of before Aug. 1, start of the cotton marketing year.

At a news conference, Mr. Benson told a

newspaper, "We hope to sell a substantial amount," Mr. Benson said. "We want to recapture our lost world cotton market." —United Press.

No Specific Figures

He put no specific figures on the amount of cotton the government hopes to sell. In years past the United States had exported more than five million bales of cotton annually. Export sales this year are expected to be about half that.

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SEASONAL EFFECT ON UK MARKETS POSSIBLE

London, Feb. 28.

Malaise in British markets may be not much more than the normal perplexity of a transition and of a time lag while measures are taking effect.

A contributory factor may be merely seasonal: the Treasury's peak tax quarter and the blue-nosed February blues familiar from some earlier postwar years.

The government's evident indecision, which also contributes to the malaise, may be excusable by something more than the need for the new Chancellor to feel his way.

Hard On Motors

If, given time, existing measures are inadequate, further measures would be in real danger of overdoing it.

The credit squeeze is pinching hard on motors and other consumer durables.

In the investment sector, the greater difficulty and cost of raising money, whether by new issues or by the loss on existing portfolios, may deflate the boom by as much as is desirable in the short run and by more than is desirable in the long.

There are some signs that the public and responsible labour would co-operate in a firm government lead.

Repliers to the latest Gallup Poll say, by the extraordinary margin of 87 to 8, that they would agree to wages being kept stable if prices also were kept stable.

Perhaps they are thinking of everybody else's wages, and of artificial rather than genuine price stabilisation.

Bad Politics

Nevertheless, 87 to 8 is almost unheard-of for any public opinion question—people are rarely as positive as that if you ask them whether they would like a gift of five-pound notes—and genuine stabilisation would offer them something better than the question poses: rising productivity it ought to be associated with failing and not merely with stable prices.

Domestic consumption for January was estimated at 133,335 tons, including 78,048 tons of synthetic and 53,087 tons of natural rubber.

Synthetic rubber accounted for 59.74 per cent of the total with 40.24 per cent for natural, with the latter about one per cent over the December futures.

On the whole, the inflationary swindle seems to have become bad politics.

The frontiers of the irresponsibilities may indicate that they know the game is up. If not, the credit squeeze will have to be intensified, and reinforced by other measures.

El her way, the basis of industry and of investment should be much healthier in the end.

In the necessary technical adjustment to a necessary monetary policy, gills could perhaps go still lower; but their whole range is doubtless below their long-term equilibrium level.

Kaffirs Rally

Short and medium gills already offer some obvious bargains; the certainty of substantial tax-free capital appreciation.

In equity, the malaise may be getting too indiscriminate.

It affects steel and other capital goods whose profits are relatively immune, equally with the vulnerable consumer goods.

The rally in Kaffirs shows what can happen when a market becomes oversold through undue concentration on short-run difficulties and transitional factors.

That the bearishness now has to be supported by trumpety rumours, including even the rumour of imminent sterling devaluation, may suggest that it is becoming overdone. If "everybody" becomes convinced that an advance before the Budget is impossible, an advance before the Budget would be virtually certain.

In the US the "rolling readjustment" which has started in cars and housing presages no slump.

Allowing the readjustment to occur is the best assurance against a slump.

Congress is obviously going to vote some tax cuts, and the budget can afford them.

Confidence Factor

The odds are probably against President Eisenhower running again, but if he did decide to do it he could galvanise Wall Street.

The confidence factor, as affecting the price-earnings ratio at any given level of money rates, is doubtless higher on the

WORLD COTTON MARKETS

New York, Feb. 28. Cotton futures today backtracked sharply in active dealings.

Losses ranged up to \$3 a bale, the widest setback registered for any one session in six weeks.

The end-season July finished on the day's bottom price, but other deliveries showed a moderate recovery from the extreme.

At the final gong the list was off 4 to 60 points. Opening prices were up 2 to off 27 points. New York closed off 37 to 45 points.

Farm legislation uncertainties, with the administration's field high supports, brought a steady flow of liquidating orders while trade buyers paused.

Agriculture Secretary Benson, testifying before the joint committee on the economic report, renewed the administration's request for congressional authority to dispose of farm surpluses behind the "Iron Curtain."

Trade quarters understood a sweeping cut-rate cotton export programme has been under consideration. Reportedly, all grades and staples from the government's surplus stock would be offered in world markets for the first time at competitive prices.

Pending confirmation of the report, traders understood orders would be accepted for delivery after Aug. 1. Sellers' reaction locally was that such a move would obviously avoid the supply of "free cotton" and intensify the competition.

Open contracts in March at the start of trading totalled 7,800 bales. The certified stock added 648 bales to 10,004 bales.

Offerings on sheets generally were above a workable basis.

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SINGAPORE

The market advanced today in spite of reports of high production figure. But it only went up slightly and there was no further selling pressure. Futures:

No. 1 rubber per lb. 35.25

No. 2 rubber per lb. 35.25

No. 3 rubber unquoted 35.25

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